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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed at 201) below or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed at 201-206 below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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which is described and claimed in:

☐ the specification attached hereto.

☒ the specification in U.S. Application Serial Number 10/767, 750, filed on January 28, 2004.

☐ the specification in PCT international application Number, _____, filed on _____; and was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign/PCT Applications and Any Priority Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §119:			
Application No.	Filing Date	Country	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. §119?
2003-020912	January 29, 2003	Japan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Prior U.S. Applications or PCT International Applications Designating the U.S-Benefit Under 35 U.S.C. §120				
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(35 U.S.C. §119(e))**

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Applicant	Provisional Application Number	Filing Date

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